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SUBJECT: TURKISH DELEGATION TO US

REF: ANKARA 9666

1. WHILE DEPARTMENT PREPARED ASSIST WITH PROPOSED VISIT
OF TURKISH DELEGATION, WE THINK YOU SHOULD CONVEY INFOR-
MALLY TO ELEKDAG SUGGESTION THAT EARLY JANUARY TIME FRAME
COULD PROVE DISAPPOINTING TO DELEGATION MEMBERS AND GOVERN-
MENT OF TURKEY. ELEKDAG SHOULD BE TOLD THAT WE WOULD
ANTICIPATE NO PROBLEM IN HAVING DELEGATION RECEIVED IN
DEPARTMENT AT SUITABLE LEVEL, BUT THAT FACT THAT VISIT
WILL OCCUR DURING TRANSITION PERIOD MIGHT MAKE IT MORE
DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE FOR GROUP TO MEET OTHERS ELSEWHERE
IN WASHINGTON. IN PARTICULAR, CONGRESS WILL ALMOST CER-
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TAINLY BE PREOCCUPIED WITH ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS IN
EARLY DAYS OF NEW SESSION. BECAUSE OF IMPORTANCE TO
TURKS OF BROAD RANGE OF CONTACTS IN WASHINGTON, WE ACCORD-
INGLY THINK GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY WOULD WISH TO CONSIDER
SCHEDULING TRIP LATER IN JANUARY OR IN FEBRUARY.

2. WHENEVER VISIT TAKES PLACE, WE WILL WORK WITH TURKISH
EMBASSY TO DEVELOP APPROPRIATE SCHEDULE OF APPOINTMENTS.

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